Million Metric Standard Cubic Metres per Day

	(MMSCMD)
	APM Qty.
2005-06	46.185
2006-07	43.244
2007-08	38.773

(d) Most of the producing fields of ONGC are old and have crossed their plateau period of production and entered the natural decline phase (a natural process in the production life of oil and gas fields globally). Therefore, availability of APM gas from ONGC is showing a declining trend.

Oil reservoir in the country

†803.SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up reservoir for petroleum products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of progress made therein, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The Government decided in September, 2005 to set up a Strategic Crude Oil Reserve of 5 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) capacity at 3 locations *viz.*, Vizag (1.0 MMT), Mangalore (1.5 MMT) and Padur, Udipi (2.5 MMT) through Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited (ISPRL), which is 100% subsidiary of Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB). This strategic storage of crude oil would be in addition to the existing storages of crude oil and petroleum products with the oil companies. Crude oil from this Reserve will be released by the Government-appointed High Power Committee, to deal with any short-term disruptions in crude oil supplies due to natural calamity or any unforeseen global event like war etc.

In Visakhapatnam, the underground civil works are in progress and the tendering activities for the above ground process facilities are on. **In Mangalore**, the land has been acquired from Mangalore Special Economic Zone Limited (MSEZL) and the tendering activities for the underground civil works are in progress. **In Padur**, supplementary investigations are in progress to establish the optimum capacity of the reservoir. Preliminary Notification for land acquisition through Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) is under process.

Application under RTI with IOC

†804.SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of officers and employees whose application forms have been received by Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) under the Right to Information during the last three years, year-wise and cadre-wise;

(b) the number of disposed of and pending application forms and such application forms which have been muzzled;

(c) whether it is a fact that false allegations are made against such applicants and they are harassed to keep them silent; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that there has been expenditure on hospitality of the Information Commissioner to keep him/her in favour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The number of officers and non-officers of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC) who have sought information from the Corporation under RTI Act, 2005 is given below:

Year	Officers	Non-Officer	Total
2006	144	1	145
2007	69	20	89
2008	8	6	14
TOTAL :	1221	27	1248

(b) IOC has reported that all RTI applications have been disposed of as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and no application is pending for disposal.

(c) and (d) No, Sir, IOC has reported that there has been no such instance.

Gas pipeline in Gujarat

†805.SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance Gas Pipe line earlier Gas Transportation and Infrastructure Ltd. has been given permission in December, 2006 to dig land for gas pipeline through small industrial plots belonging to 95 OBC persons under survey No. 331,342 and 364 of Gothan villages in Surat district;

(b) the basis on which the compensation amount was fixed for them and the rate thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 95 OBC families have been landless due to this action; and

(d) if so, whether Government would impress upon Reliance Gas pipe line to purchase alternative land for these families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) M/s Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) has

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